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SUBJECT: FORMER CAMBODIAN AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY EQUIPMENT

REF: (A) BANGKOK 12579; (B) STATE 153428

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH CHIEF OF STAFF, SUPREME COMMAND, GENERAL KRIANGSAK CHAMANAN JULY 1, POMILCOUNS BRIEFED KRIANGSAK ON SUBSTANCE OF AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH KHUKRIT CONCERNING EX-CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM MAP/MASF AIRCRAFT. HE TOLD KRIANGSAK US WOULD PROCEED WITH DISCREET REMOVAL OF SIX C-7'S AND ONE F-5E AND WAS PREPARED TO TURN OVER TO THAI ARMED FORCES THOSE AIRCRAFT PREVIOUSLY OFFERED.

2. POMILCOUNS GAVE DRIANGSAK DRAFT LETTER TO BE SENT KRIANGSAK BY COMUSMACHTAI WITH FOLLOWING TEXT:
BEGIN TEXT: I AM AUTHORIZED TO OFFER TO THE ROYAL THAI ARMED FORCES A NUMBER OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT THAT ARE NOW THE PROPERTY OF THE UNITED STATES IN THAILAND. THESE AIRCRAFT ARE LISTED BY SERIAL NUMBER AT ATTACHMENT 1. TRANSFER OF THESE AIRCRAFT TO HE ROYAL THAI ARMED FORCES WOULD BE UNDER STANDARD MAP CONDITIONS. A

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PARTIAL LIST OF CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO MAP

EQUIPMENT IS AT ATTACHMENT 2. PARA. IN ORDER
TO AVOID DETERIORATION OF THE AIRCRAFT, I SUGGEST
THAT THE TRANSFER TO THE ROYAL THAI ARMED FORCES
TAKE PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YOUR EARLIEST
RESPONSE TO THIS OFFER WILL BE APPRECIATED.
END TEXT.

3. PARTIAL LIST OF MAP CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO
LETTER EMPHASIZED PROHIBITION ON FURTHER DIS-
POSITION WITHOUT CONSENT OF USG.

4. POMILCOUNS ALSO GAVE KRIANGSAK DRAFT OF HIS REPLY TO
COMUSMACHTAI WITH FOLLOWING TEXT: BEGIN TEXT:
I ACCEPT THE AIRCRAFT OFFERED TO THE ROYAL THAI
ARMED FORCES BY YOUR LETTER OF JULY 1, 1975,
UNDER THE CONDITIONS STATED THEREIN. I SUGGEST
THAT OUR STAFFS ESTABLISH CONTACT IMMEDIATELY TO
ARRANGE FOR THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS POSSIBLE TURN-OVER.
END TEXT.

5. KRIANGSAK AGREED TO EXCHANGE OF LETTERS, WHICH
WAS ACCOMPLISHED FOLLOWING (BOTH LETTERS DATED JULY 1.)
ARE NOW PROCEEDING WITH TURN-OVER ARRANGE-
MENTS.
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